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Docket No. 325772021800

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Katsuyuki HIRATA

Serial No.: 09/776,883

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For: LIGHT QUANTITY CORRECTION  
METHOD FOR EXPOSING DEVICE,  
AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

Examiner: Tia A. Carter

Group Art Unit: 2626

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Action dated July 1, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-18, 22 and 29 under 35 USC 103(a) on Yoshida U.S. Patent No. 6,104,509 in view of Maekawara U.S. Patent No. 6,121,993. The Examiner also rejected claims 19-21, 23-25 and 30 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida. The Examiner objected to claims 26-28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These rejections are respectfully traversed.